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- On 22 September 1953 there were no Chinese Communist troops on the peninsula south of Yonan-up (N 37-54, E 126-10) (BS-5198). They had started moving northward after 2 August. Guards from a North Korean army battalion were patrolling the area between Hill 61 (BS-486827) near Hallyul-tong (N 37-46, E 126-08) (BS-4983) and Pultangp'o (N 37-47, E 126-10) (BS-5085). This unit had moved into the area between 8-20 August and set up headquarters in a temporary building on the northwest side of Hill 61. The battalion of approximately 150 men was armed with PPSH's, rifles, and hand grenades. They were in charge of guarding the coastal area, and no civilians were allowed to live near the beach. Because of the high morale within the battalion, the men were considered to be more highly efficient security guards than their predecessors.
- Two artillery companies were assisting in guarding the coastal area between Pultangp'o and Hill 61. The artillery was transported into the area by Soviet trucks, during the nights of 8 to 20 August. Several of the artillery pieces were placed on Hill 61. All areas containing artillery weapons were restricted to authorized personnel. One of the artillery companies was billeted in five out of the 10 houses at BS-488828, northeast of Hill 61. The other artillery company was stationed at BS-500847.
- Guard posts were at the following points: BS-496849, BS-502848, BS-505846, BS-500834, and BS-490823. The first three posts were manned by troops from the artillery company at BS-500847, and the last two posts were manned by troops from Hill 61. Each post consisted of a hut and trenches manned by three or four guards. These posts were set up to watch for enemy boats. All unfamiliar boats were thoroughly searched when they landed.

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4. In late October 1953 an unidentified North Korean army regiment of about 1,000 men was stationed at Sogang-dong (N 37-53, E 125-09) (XB-8995). Regimental headquarters was in several large buildings due south of the bridge at XB-895947. The regiment was responsible for the security of the islands of Ch'angnin (N 37-48, E 125-10) (XB-9185), Kirin (N 37-49, E 125-02) (XB-7987), and Mahap (N 37-55, E 124-58) (XB-7398).
5. In early October the following truck traffic was observed on the road from T'aet'an (N 38-04, E 125-18) (YC-0215) through Su-dong (N 37-57, E 125-14) (XC-9602) to Sogang-dong.
 - a. On 4, 5, and 6 October three trucks loaded with ammunition made two trips daily.
 - b. On 7 and 8 October the same trucks loaded with clothing each made two trips daily.
 - c. On 9 October and for several succeeding days these trucks transported loads of rice.
6. Truck traffic was continuous on the road. The vehicles went to Sogang-dong loaded, but returned empty. Often the cargo was covered with old clothing so that it was not visible.
7. The trucks were of the six-wheel type, but smaller than American six-wheel trucks.
A few American one quarter and three quarter-ton trucks were used exclusively as personnel carriers.

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